

CLAIMS

- 1 1. A method for printing information comprising:
2 storing information corresponding to a print task in memory in a print-ready
3 format, the information in the print-ready format being configured for use by a
4 printing device such that the information can be printed by the printing device without
5 being processed by a driver of the printing device; and
6 enabling a selected portion of the print task to be printed without printing a
7 non-selected portion of the print task.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 providing a printing device; and
3 printing the selected portion of the print task using the printing device.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein storing information comprises:
2 storing the information in the print-ready format in memory associated with
3 the printing device.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 receiving an input corresponding to a user's intent to print only a portion of the
3 print task; and
4 enabling only the selected portion of the print task to be printed.

1 5. The method of claim 4, further comprising:
 2 receiving an input corresponding to a user's intent to print the entire print task;
 3 and
 4 enabling the entire print task to be printed.

1 6. The method of claim 4, further comprising:
 2 enabling the user to select at least the portion of the print task to be printed.

1 7. The method of claim 6, wherein the printing device has a user interface; and
 2 wherein enabling the user to select at least the portion of the print task
 3 comprises:
 4 enabling the user to select at least the portion of the print task via the user
 5 interface.

1 8. The method of claim, 7 wherein the user interface is a graphical user interface.

1 9. The method of claim 6, further comprising:
2 providing a driver, the driver being configured to receive information and
3 configure the information in the print-ready format, the driver being further
4 configured to provide a graphical user interface; and
5 wherein enabling the user to select at least the portion of the print task
6 comprises:
7 enabling the user to select at least the portion of the print task via the graphical
8 user interface.

1 10. A print system comprising:
2 a job retention system configured to receive an input corresponding to a
3 selected portion of a print task and retrieve information corresponding to the selected
4 portion of the print task, the information being in a print-ready format configured for
5 use by a printing device such that the information can be printed by the printing device
6 without being processed by a driver of the printing device, the job retention system
7 being further configured to enable the selected portion of the print task to be printed
8 without printing a non-selected portion of the print task.

1 11. The print system of claim 10, further comprising:
2 a printing device having a memory, the information corresponding to the print
3 task being stored in the memory of the printing device; and
4 wherein the job retention system resides in the printing device.

1 12. The print system of claim 10, wherein the printing device includes a user
2 interface, the user interface being configured to enable a user to select at least the
3 portion of the print task.

1 13. The print system of claim 10, wherein the user interface is a graphical user
2 interface.

1 14. The print system of claim 11, further comprising:
2 a workstation communicatively coupled to the printing device, the workstation
3 having a driver, the driver being configured to configure information in the print-ready
4 format and provide the print-ready format information to the printing device, the
5 driver being further configured to provide a graphical user interface, the graphical user
6 interface being configured to enable the user to select at least the portion of the print
7 task.

1 15. The print system of claim 10, further comprising:
2 a workstation having a driver configured to provide a graphical user interface,
3 the graphical user interface being configured to enable a user to select at least the
4 portion of the print task.

1 16. The print system of claim 10, further comprising:
2 means for storing the information in the print-ready format.

1 17. The print system of claim 16, wherein the means for storing the information in
2 the print-ready format is a disk drive.

1 18. The print system of claim 17, further comprising:
2 a printing device associated with the job retention system; and
3 wherein the disk drive is a component of the printing device.

1 19. The print system of claim 17, further comprising:
2 means for configuring the information corresponding to the print task in the
3 print-ready format.

1 20. The print system of claim 19, wherein the means for configuring the
2 information is associated with a driver, the driver being configured to receive
3 information in a non-print-ready format and convert the information to the print-ready
4 format.